Approved For Release 2003/02/27: CIA-RDP75B00285R000100220021-4 RS RP KΒ WC DB MK PA **OXC** 9334 Copy 4 18 January 1966 MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Technology, OSA 25X1A ATTENTION SUBJECT OXCART Pilot Life Raft 25X1A asked me to get in touch with you to request that you reconfigure the life raft release system presently employed by OXCART pilots. As we understand it, the life raft is deployed and inflated prior to the pilot's contact with the surface. [ would like to 25X1A rearrange this system, whereby the pilot has an option either prior to take-off or prior to ejection. It is understandable that if he is over water it would be a good idea to have the life raft preinflated prior to splash. However, if he is over land and feels that he has a chance to use the life raft, it is obvious he would rather carry it deflated. Will you look into the possibilities of this arrangement and notify myself and 25X1A earliest. CICHEN 25X1A Chief, Intelligence Division Office of Special Activities 25X1A ID/OSA nlm (18 Jan 66) Distribution: #1 - D/TECH/OSA #2 - D/YA/OSA#3 - OXC/OSA #4 - ID/08A #5 - RB/OSA

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